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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is key to under served communities here in the Midwest and beyond. I've lived multiple places over the years and towns that are ran by the big incumbent telecoms offer little to nothing in terms of service and internet. Where there was more competition we have/had options. For example, the same \$50-\$70 per month in one town got me a phone line with paid long distance and 5Mbps DSL. Other places I can get gig internet and a VOIP line for the same price with FTTH service. I've also witnessed where a smaller telecom offered the same service whether a person lives in town or 20 miles out. That 20 miles out customer's only neighbor for miles was across the street, but in a different large telecom carrier's territory. The best they could get was dial up that barely worked and there was nothing they could do about it.

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